



Chameleon Chenin Blanc 2017



#### BACKGROUND

*Chrysanthemoides monilifera* is a fast growing shrub with bright yellow daisies in autumn and winter followed by edible berries. They love well-drained soils on hills and mountains, rich in fynbos. This indigenous plant is very popular with birds and bees which makes it a great home for the Cape Dwarf Chameleon.

#### LOCATION & CLIMATE

The distinct ravine which embodies Stellenbosch Kloof harnesses all the qualities of a well-orientated compass. Varying elevations and aspects allows us to grow a selection of classic varieties to specific sites that optimise this expression through their location. The cooler south- and east-facing aspects, unique in Stellenbosch, hosts the more sensitive and aromatic white-skinned grape varieties.

Stellenbosch Kloof enjoys a cooler Mediterranean climate with maritime influences from False Bay, 14km to the south, and a refreshing breeze channelled from the West Coast's Benguela current 24km to the north-west. These two breezes culminate at the top end of the ravine and bring in early morning mists, especially from False Bay. Consequently, temperatures in our meso-climate can be measured at least 3° Celsius cooler than inland Stellenbosch during ripening periods. This adds a unique characteristic to Jordan wines.

#### APPELLATION

Wine of Origin Stellenbosch.

#### SOIL

Decomposed granite and loam.

#### ASPECT

Cool south - and east-facing vineyards, 220m above sea level.

#### AGE OF VINES

20-35 years old.

## THE WINES OF JORDAN STELLENBOSCH



#### BLEND

100% Chenin Blanc

#### ANALYSIS

**Alc:** 13.5%

**Total Acid:** 6.1g/l

**pH:** 3.25

**Residual Sugar:** 2.2g/l

#### TASTING NOTES

A fresh and fruity Chenin Blanc with rich tropical pear flavours and a zesty citrus finish.

#### HARVESTING

The grapes were harvested late in February of 2017.

#### WINEMAKING & MATURATION

The wine was tank-fermented using predominantly Vin7 and Vin13 yeast to accentuate the fruit and flavours typical of these varieties. Selected tanks received extended lees contact to add richness to the blend.

#### FOOD SUGGESTION

Perfect as an aperitif or with fresh summery lunches or creamy pasta dishes.